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TRUCK CONVOYS
DEO MU GIA (PASS) AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

### 1. SIGNIFICANCE:

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THIS BRIEFING BOARD PORTRAYS THE LARGE AMOUNT OF NORTH VIETNAMESE TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE DEO MU GIA (PASS) AREA ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE TET TRUCE, O8 AND O9 FEBRUARY.

### 2. LOCATION:

THE TRUCKS ARE LOCATED BETWEEN 1743N 10546E AND 1757N 10548E IN THE DEO MU GIA (PASS) AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM.

### 3. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS SEVENTY-FIVE CAMOUFLAGED
CARGO TRUCKS TRAVELLING SOUTH, SINGULARLY OR IN CONVOYS, ON ROUTE 15
FROM THE LIMIT OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE AT 1757N 10548E TO 1743N 10546E.
THE GRAPHIC DEPICTS AN EIGHT-TRUCK CONVOY OF THIS GROUP IN THE VICINITY
OF 1745N 10546E, 5.5 NM NORTH OF THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER. ALSO
OBSERVED IS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED CABLE BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT
1745N 10546E (UTM WE825635) AND A NEAR-BY PROBABLE REST AND REFUEL
AREA AT UTM WE825631.

ROUTE 15 IS UNSERVICEABLE IN THE VICINITY OF 1741N 10546E AS A RESULT OF LANDSLIDES/AIRSTRIKES. AT LEAST FIFTY-FIVE PERSONNEL ARE NOTED WORKING ON THE ROAD. SIX OF THE SEVENTY-FIVE TRUCKS ARE PARKED NORTH OF THE UNSERVICEABLE SECTION OF THE ROAD AWAITING THE COMPLETION OF THE REPAIR WORK.

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NORTH VIETNAM ROUTE 15 AND LAOS ROUTE 12 ARE OBSERVED SOUTH TO
THEIR JUNCTION WITH LASO ROUTE 1201 AT 1739N 10545E. TWO TRUCKS ARE
NOTED TRAVELLING NORTH AT 1740N 10546E AT THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER.
REVEALS ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY
CAMOUFLAGED CARGO TRUCKS, MOST OF WHICH ARE TRAVELLING SOUTH, ON THE
SECTION OF ROUTE 15 OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ROAD REPAIR WORK APPEARS TO BE COMPLETED, HOWEVER,
NO VHEICLES ARE OBSERVED SOUTH OF THE ROAD REPAIR ACTIVITY.
THE GRAPHIC DEPICTS SIXTEEN OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TRUCKS LOCATED
JUST NORTH OF THE REPAIRED SECTION OF ROAD AT 1743N 10546E, 3.7 NM NORTH OF
THE NORTH VIETNAM/LAOS BORDER, TRAVELLING SOUTH. ALSO SHOWN ARE TWENTY-SIX
TRUCKS PARKED NORTH OF THE SIXTEEN SOUTHBOUND TRUCKS.
NOTE: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHY CORRESPONDS 25X
TO THE TIME IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE REPAIR WORK AND
THAT THE SOUTHBOUND TRUCKS HAVE RESUMED THEIR JOURNEY.
4. REMARKS:
COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT TRUCK SIGHTINGS DURING THE TET TRUCE IN
SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM AVERAGED 558 PER DAY AS COMPARED WITH 25 PER
DAY DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. DELIVERIES OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

THE NUMEROUS BOMB CRATERS OBSERVED IN THE AREA WERE MADE PRIOR TO

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HAVE TOTALLED APPROXIMATELY 5500 TONS.

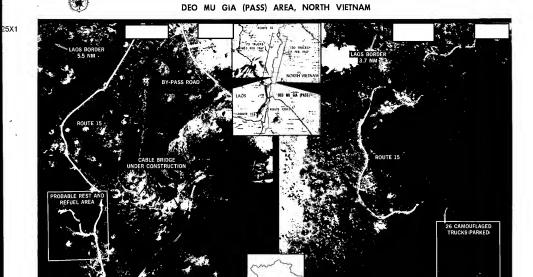
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